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Left New York on Saturday
Feby 19th 1853 on the Steamship
Prometheus our party cons-
-isting of Mr E G Squier late
charge d'affairs to Nicaragua
Lieut Jeffers of the U. S. Navy
Mr Hitchcock Artist and
Mr Fallon acting assistant
Engineer & Interpreter
the day was overcast
wind North East and
quite chilly the cleared
[illegible] [illegible] about sunset
there being considerable
sea but few persons
made their appearance
at tea. The passengers
consist principally of [illegible]

-vas bound for California
numbering about 350. the
most of whom are steerage
and second Cabin passengers
for two days it was cold
and the Cabin stove was
monopolized by a few
persons principally 2d Cabin
and some steerage passengers
in fact the sterage passen-
gers have the run of the
ship much to our annoy-
ance. There are on board
a number of women & chil-
-dren some are with their
husbands, others are going
to meet their husbands
whilst others wish to marry

and are going to the land of promise to offer themselves to the highest and best bidder. Our state room is on deck and contains three berths. I occupy the lower one, which is by no means the most desirable one, owing to a woman (Perhaps she would be offended should I not call her a lady) occupying the adjoining room, she keeps her Pot de Chambre some wheres near my head from which I get an occasional puff, the odour of which is equal to that from the Ango...

stables, Our meals are badly cooked, dirty, and poked into us by steward, this is decidedly the rough neck line for California, Our Steamer makes but poor time and rolls about considerably much to the annoyance of many of the passengers of our party Lieut Jeffers & I were the only ones that were able to play a knife and fork. our passage was a long one as we did not arrive in San Fran- until 3 P. M. on Tuesday March 1st they refusing to take us up the river

under the pretence of the water being too low. notwithstanding this they took 30 other passengers not having through tickets. had our baggage moved ashore and put up at the Saranac House. where we until Friday and during which time we had continual showers. we got all our things on board a long boat belonging to Mr Mooney and he accompanys us we have six bungo men and a Patron or Captain at 11½ a.m. we started sun hot but a good breeze strong. current strong so that our progress with oars was but slow made about 12 miles and came

to anchor ~~Saturday~~ a fine clear day passed the mouth of the Colorado where there is one of the transit Companys boats wrecked. on an Island here is the first settlement an American by the name of Kirkland. where we stopped & lunched come to anchor at a place called Phillipes during the night it rained &c. continuedly and the musquetoes were excessively annoying, the next morning we started early with wet jackets. stopped at Dr Coodys at the mouth of the Sapoquam Ranch where we found his partner a Mr Houpt

here we dined and spent about two hours went five miles from here and came to anchor heavy showers throughout the day.

Monday showery. had a fine wind in the afternoon and made use of our sail and made a good run passed the mouth of the Rio San Carlos about four miles and came to anchor rained heavily during the night and a number of us got our jackets wet. lost my umbrella overboard. Tuesday passed over the Machicui rappids here are the wrecks of two steamers and a new

boat which was run on
the rocks about two days
since. made a fine run
anchored at the Castillo
rapids met there a Mr
Ruggles the agent of the
transit Company he is the
only decent man that
we have seen belonging
to the Company. We put
up at the Nicaragua House
had good beds and slept
sound. I find a great imp
rovement here since last
year. Wednesday assisted the
men to get the boat over the
rapids after which we
got our breakfast, for

[illegible]
[illegible] got under way an[d] at
daylight on Thursday morning
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] on the [illegible]
hard with [illegible]
patience after [illegible]
[illegible]
passed away [illegible]

this however soon repaired
and made a fine run
of about 35 or 40 miles
by eight O'clock when
we came to anchor
Friday [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] fine large [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] anchored at Benicia
[illegible] our boat was drawn
upon the beach [illegible]
mothers and women [illegible]
natives were waiting [illegible]
on the beach [illegible]
[illegible] were [illegible] The
morning [illegible]
we got our things landed [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the most [illegible]

[illegible] away in a [illegible]
on the beach for the night
We first visited a house
[illegible] by an American by
[illegible] of Coverall [illegible]
[illegible] — the [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] good Herons, [illegible]
[illegible] a small [illegible]
tipped [illegible] crown
a brown back. [illegible], [illegible]
[illegible] some [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] three
varieties of king fishers
a large [illegible] and [illegible]

[illegible] a specimen of which [illegible] my [illegible] was [illegible] much injured by the [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] and it [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to be [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible] at the [illegible] of [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

of the Spaniards arrived
with the king and
negroes, the people again
exported [illegible] and of the
employees generally
[illegible] services of [illegible]
had already been [illegible]
[illegible]
of St. [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] to
[illegible] from [illegible]
on account of [illegible]
[illegible] There are [illegible]
[illegible] 1005
here. The people live
principally upon [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] to be quite as intelligent [illegible] 15

[illegible]

at the town of Massaah and
stopped at a [illegible] at
which it was difficult to
get enough [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] of this
trade [illegible]

Friday —

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
of the [illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]
This lake has evidently
[illegible]
the Volcano in 1870 [illegible]
[illegible]

of the [illegible] head of
[illegible] this is called [illegible]
Spaniards Los Infernos
the Messiah. All together it
is one of the most singular
places I have ever seen. The
women and children carry
immense loads of water on their
heads and backs up the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] stopping at the [illegible]
[illegible] Parade of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
in the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] was high and the
lake appears to be full
of fish [illegible] where we
rode to the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] saw men [illegible]
[illegible] fishing for sardines
[illegible] small [illegible] nets
[illegible] 30 ft [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] it would be
[illegible] although we
had [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] and [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at 9 a.m. and here
we procured a [illegible] breakfast
[illegible] any of our friends [illegible]
[illegible] in the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] this meal I think they
would have [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] for the
[illegible] for we have a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] with [illegible] [illegible]
after finishing the meal
we [illegible] along [illegible]
[illegible] to the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] at 2 P.M. [illegible] [illegible]

the tomb of [illegible]
has an appearance of a
[illegible] [illegible] The
top of which was about
6 feet in diameter and its base
was about 60 feet on each
side [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] feet [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] once again [illegible]
on and arrived at the town
of [illegible] [illegible] about
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] To day [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]

with a yellow bellied frog
a species of [illegible]
like the [illegible].
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] after taking a cup of
coffee about [illegible]
became a [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] 11 [illegible]

[illegible] Levan [illegible]

a dirty place but [illegible]

[illegible] who is [illegible]

[illegible] good the [illegible]

[illegible] I have entered the

[illegible]

[illegible]

which we [illegible]

quartered by the [illegible]

[illegible]

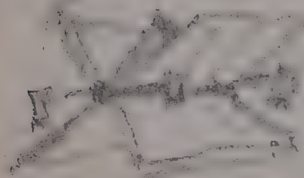
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] were [illegible] thousand people all carrying lighted candles [illegible] followed by a number of people carrying a cross the number of priests [illegible] by small children fancily dressed representing saints, monks, virgins &c after come a number of men dressed as women carrying the image and [illegible] ugly [illegible] [illegible] every night this week has there been a procession of some saint, on Good Friday the bells were not rung fearing that they might

as I suppose to disturb
the dead in their place
they have substituted
a wheel with words in
on cloth attached which
they revolve keeping
up an infernal rattling.

During the afternoon
and evening I saw
two distinct funeral
processions of Chinese
which were attended
by different bands
and flags hung in
deep mourning. The
processions are not
as dressy as we are
accustomed to bury

Wing of the Pan[illegible]. As
as the Old Church
keeping up such idolatry
worship for these people
look upon these images
with so much reverance
as the heathen should
their country etc. Just
as to the Heads of the
Americans they will
[illegible] this Church
to the Devil for making
as [illegible] nothing
can be expected of the
people. They have so
so many holy days that
it is impossible to get the
people to do any work.

since I have been here
I have visited all the
places of interest.
One afternoon I had
a fine view from
the Sierra de los Americanos
of the plains of Leon
I think superior to
the view of the [illegible]
superb from either
at least 60 miles in
the back ground are
the chain of large
Volcanoes from Tepic
near the Pacific Ocean
On Monday night
the 20th inst there
was a grand Ball

by the [illegible]

given the officers. during this evening they presented him with a flag representing the Cardinal by the [illegible] and on it a [illegible] [illegible] numerous toasts [illegible] were drank during the evening and the thing passed off in a most agreeable [illegible] all [illegible].

Thursday April 12 Mr [illegible] Lieut Jeffers & Mr Hitchcock left for La Union accompanied by Dennis [illegible]

[illegible] at [illegible] April [illegible]

Left [illegible] in company with Dr.
[illegible] at 12.25 P.M. [illegible]
for the [illegible] miles [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] from [illegible] to the [illegible]
[illegible]
the [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] approached the [illegible]
the country [illegible] much [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
the [illegible]
& immense Cockroaches.

[illegible] for the [illegible]

[illegible] a number of [illegible]

Ptarmigan [illegible] [illegible]

all of which were [illegible]

and [illegible]

[illegible] a Caribou [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] over a valley [illegible]

[illegible] we again

came to the [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] breakfast

[illegible]

a glacier and [illegible]

about two miles [illegible]

[illegible]

the entrance to which are

[illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] it was very [illegible]

[illegible] at 2.40 a.m. [illegible]

[illegible]

a valley [illegible]
and covered with water
this continues for a time
when it becomes mountainous
and rough this continues
until we arrived at the
mountain half way up
which we found the
[illegible] [illegible] 300 ft [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] described [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] about
[illegible] [illegible] cliffs but having
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

is the scene of the [illegible]
[illegible] of descent [illegible]
[illegible] being about [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] quite [illegible]
[illegible] by the rock
[illegible] the [illegible]
Above the [illegible]
[illegible] to the
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] was first opened by
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] by [illegible] human
[illegible]
[illegible] of the Country
[illegible]

by the government. [illegible]
this morning an Englishman
living at Leon attempted
the same but was stopped
by the government [illegible]
when he was he [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of lumber and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Sousé [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] expense.

[illegible] at
4.40 a.m. [illegible] at the [illegible]
of Don José Moreno [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
high mountains, there [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] by the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]. The [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] in the
distance were to [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] grass [illegible] the mountains
just begins to [illegible]
[illegible]
with a variety of [illegible]
which [illegible] by [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible]
of the [illegible]
also a yellow [illegible]
[illegible] large [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
12 [illegible] is without exception
the most [illegible]

[illegible]

illons

[illegible]

[illegible] It was with great

difficulty that we could [illegible]

ning to eat

12th left here at 7 A.M. passing over a mountainous country the first town we passed was Alaguana an Indian town containing a chapel and a few Ranchos the soil is gravelly and the rocks are red sandstone and Quartz the country [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] kinds [illegible] [illegible] predominating, the next town was equ[illegible] [illegible] containing [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] until [illegible]

arrival at the Rio Grande
on which Ocotal is situated
this river is the commence-
ment of the Rio Coco.
the rocks about here were
slate and a Conglomerate
of red lime and Quartz
arrived at Ocotal at [illegible]
P.M. and stopped at the
house of M. Castellon
the [illegible]
family [illegible]
this town is pretty situ-
ated being surrounded by
mountains and the [illegible]
many places. Deposits of
gold [illegible]
[illegible] houses [illegible]

though there is much
coffee in this place

Left here at [illegible] 12th
running along a gravelly
road about five on the
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] information
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] 12.45 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

and most mountainous
crossing numerous fine
running streams. The hills
were covered with fine
and tall timber. At a
small town called Pyr[illegible]
we procured a chicken and
some eggs and after some
[illegible] [illegible] we [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] for the night.
At 6.30 A.M. on the 15th we
again commenced our
marching away among
[illegible] the hills a little different
from yesterday
crossing numerous fine
streams and several [illegible]

miles at some of which
we are able to procure food
until passing out at 12 m.
[illegible] succeed getting a chick[illegible]
& some eggs at 2.30 we
arrived at the [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] miles from the creek. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] llon

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

500

runners

of quartz

The Silver

Antimony

" & Sulphuret of Iron
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "

this is the mine that
has been worked before
but it is now filled with water
The ore is first broken
in small pieces and then
thrown in a mill and ground
fine by means of immense
revolving wheels of granite
after being finely ground
it is mixed with salt and
[illegible] it is then placed
in ovens and baked [illegible]
for [illegible]. It is placed in
the revolving barrels with
mercury, in this it is placed
in the [illegible] and [illegible]
with water, it is then
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] present. There are eighteen men [illegible] [illegible] they are [illegible]

8 a.m. to 11 p.m.

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] to a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] to [illegible]

to work. This one is to be
a Duplicate after the being [illegible]
work of completion.
The effect of the [illegible] [illegible]
was very high [illegible] [illegible]
had a [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] a several [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible]
which would be [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] fortunately for us [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
high [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
around the [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

valley of a creek [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
the formation of the [illegible]
[illegible] has been granite
[illegible] quantity [illegible] here changes
[illegible] pretty [illegible]
a [illegible] complex [illegible]
mixed with quartz, [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] The Town of [illegible]
[illegible]
where the creek [illegible]
[illegible] quality [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

and [illegible] ever [illegible] in the
neighborhood. [illegible]
and situated at the foot of
the hill but are much in
want of repair. The water
privileged an excellent.
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] which yields 10 [illegible]
in the [illegible]
portion [illegible]
[illegible]
much.

Marcos

[illegible]
the function at the [illegible]
which [illegible] about [illegible]
[illegible]
10.25 [illegible]
[illegible] 12.10. [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] bed early.
2.25 left camp [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

which stream we followed a number of miles this part of the road and in fact until we arrived within a league [illegible] The Bang Lillies was exceedingly broken and [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] road I have never passed over. at 11.15 a.m. we arrived at the Rio [illegible] ([illegible] so by the natives) this stream rises above [illegible] and empties into the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] on it it is a wide [illegible] gap in places and rapid stream [illegible] [illegible] rapids, and many [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

& the forest was filled
with bare rocks in the
valley of this stream it was
excessively hot, the glare and
reflection from the white
[illegible] rendered it
exceedingly unpleasant.
[illegible] we again commenced
ascending the mountains which
were rocky and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] I thought [illegible]
[illegible] the place of which
[illegible]
[illegible] at 12 [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] which we struggled [illegible]
[illegible] been
for our command. [illegible]
opening the copper [illegible]
and the people [illegible]
[illegible]
after [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
were not until half past
seven in the evening [illegible]
we got to the [illegible] of the
[illegible] we [illegible] quite [illegible]
[illegible] attended to [illegible]
hospitalities of the house
[illegible]
[illegible]

to inspect the works and witness the different operations by which the [illegible] operations. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] to the [illegible]

[illegible]

and a chloride is formed
the refining is also done
in a [illegible] furnace
In separating the Amalgam
the [illegible] [illegible] of a
cotton bag and all the excess
of Mercury is squeezed out
[illegible]

at 5 o'clock this morning [illegible] the house to see [illegible] Pagoda [illegible] had [illegible] [illegible] not to [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] another [illegible] [illegible] but [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

in the night [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

the C has at the present
time but [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
getting [illegible] one, the one
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] in Quantity and is of
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] This yields from
[illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] means to the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] the entire cost [illegible]
[illegible] is 24 [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] width
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
Insurance is considerably [illegible] [illegible]
and Contains [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] an inhabitant [illegible] seemingly

[illegible]ners

About the day [illegible]

[illegible] and appearance [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

accompanied [illegible]

[illegible]

among which were [illegible]
[illegible]
which were [illegible]
different from any I
have [illegible]
also [illegible]
[illegible]
cold water, The temperature
there delightful. at 1.05
P.M. came to a little water and
allowed our animals to graze
until 3.15 P.M. when we again
started descended the mountain
and arrived at the valley
of the [illegible] which
is over a league in width
and is the finest valley
that we have seen [illegible]

we have left the place
of [illegible] this morning about
South 21st west for [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] being [illegible]
[illegible] also for [illegible]
to the [illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] which [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
on the town of Yaguaro(?) [illegible]
[illegible]
The Yaguaro(?) is a fine [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] this [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

28th left at 6 A.M. passed
on the San Antonio [illegible]
& [illegible] of the [illegible]
about three and a half miles
[illegible]
[illegible]
San Antonio is a mining
town [illegible]
[illegible]
they [illegible] are worked by
the poor miners principally
for the lead, they were extremely
[illegible] informed
me that the silver mines
of this place were very
rich yielding
but have been [illegible]
owing to being [illegible]

saint ... the people
[illegible] attribute their
[illegible] the power of curing
all diseases and ... like
those of their friends
are sick they come from
a distance even from
the neighbouring cities
and ... the procession
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
... the Town of [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
of [illegible] Ferrara [illegible]
[illegible]

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large and five stories
we having two large
rooms to ourselves
in the second story.
There are three [illegible] the
[illegible] grown up all of
[illegible] and [illegible] pretty
[illegible], and [illegible]
in the [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible]
This is [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] trunks
the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

of the houses are two
story, the streets are
paved with cobble
stones, it contains two
churches the [illegible]
[illegible] places [illegible] quite
large and [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible]

5. Taking it all together
though it is desirable [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] good
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] alive and prosperous

my letter of introduction
He received me kindly
and said [illegible] [illegible] to [illegible]
at my service. [illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

of Don [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] the River.

31st This morning [illegible]

[illegible] funeral of [illegible]

[illegible] Captain [illegible]

[illegible] effects [illegible]

[illegible] of Captain [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] yellow [illegible]

[illegible] black [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the [illegible]

[illegible]

candles were handed
to each person from
the pastor and officers
carrying candles [illegible] then
[illegible] After [illegible]
prayers and [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
their hats off [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
chancel [illegible] at the [illegible]
of each [illegible]
[illegible] and the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of the [illegible]

of the church the organ
he was then carrying
table on his head
covered with a black
cloth on which was
a large white cross
and it [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] prayer [illegible]
[illegible] close [illegible] all
[illegible] one [illegible]
of this could [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Josepha
[illegible]
[illegible]

member of [illegible] the home
of Dr. Albert [illegible]
who is a uncle of the
Queen. He was one of
the Secretaries of the Co-
Convention and was for
many years [illegible]
one of the principal [illegible]
of the Government before
the Revolution by [illegible]
[illegible] and [illegible] the [illegible]
that [illegible] from a [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
with the [illegible] of the
Convention
[illegible]

a visit to the large bridge over the [illegible] River. It is built of stone and brick and has two arches [illegible] a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] dessins [illegible] [illegible] 80 years old

Aug 1st. Went this morning to mass at the Principal church. It is a large building of [illegible] and brick finished at [illegible] with [illegible] on the inside a [illegible] ornamented, the altar piece [illegible] and the [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] gilt

Fort is still below the
fortress is quite [illegible] I
think it is [illegible] except
the handsomest fort I
have ever seen. This
church was destroyed
many years ago by
its having been burnt
by an earthquake in
the year 1797 but since
it has been repaired. It
was built almost entirely
by one man that is by
his [illegible] and [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
for a [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] been early but [illegible]

[illegible] we were delayed by

[illegible]

[illegible] when we reached the top
of the mountain but when
we began descending there
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] of rocks and
[illegible] at [illegible] we reached
the top of the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a pretty valley which is
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
at the point [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] was now getting [illegible]

[illegible]

like the [illegible]

Loaded

[illegible]

clouds

[illegible]

white

[illegible]

[illegible] passed through a [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] flows [illegible]
of about 10 [illegible] a league
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] riques Pallais
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] left [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

Mr S. and the rest of the party
returned on the 6th
This Town was formerly
one of note and inhab-
upwards of 18000 [illegible]
at the present time it
is reduced to a [illegible]
and the majority of the
houses [illegible] the [illegible]
The water was formerly
introduced into the City
by means of an Aqueduct
the remains of which are
yet to be seen, also
several fountains. The
town is exceedingly dull
and an appearance [illegible]
the [illegible] of [illegible]

cheap and the person
being left to bring it.
There is evidently but
little wealth now in
the town. The Cathedral
on the Plaza is a neat
building and highly
ornamented on the interior
One Sunday evening having
come [illegible] on the plaza
just as we were about
retiring. we started
out and found them
they said that they
were just about to
come and serenade
us. but as yet had
[illegible] to [illegible] we

all concluded it would be best to ~~serenade~~ the ladies. so they furnished Mr Hitchcock with a Guitar and we all started. There were a variety of instruments and the music was very poor. Among the party were [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] very [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] enjoying [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the little folks.

This is [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible] [illegible] Church [illegible] keep up an [illegible] [illegible]

incursions [illegible]
them continually [illegible]
all the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible].
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

to watch the [illegible]
[illegible] the [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] of the [illegible]
He [illegible] a good [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible]
of the [illegible] [illegible]
is called [illegible]
and is generally behind
the [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible]
wealth of silver on the
other. The [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] kept
of the [illegible] where there
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
The [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible]

in the strata lying
but with the [illegible] of
the mountain range
and separately by
[illegible] and veins
from three to ten feet
in thickness.
These [illegible] were
by the [illegible] Spaniards
a great extent. The [illegible]
[illegible] believe
the old [illegible] town was
[illegible] building on
the Mines [illegible] the
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

are covered with the earth.
There [illegible] would yield
from [illegible] to [illegible] hundred
of the [illegible].
The [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
expended the [illegible] great
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
probability they are
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] quite
The earth [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] yield
[illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
mountains of these [illegible]

the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] yards from the [illegible]
[illegible] of [illegible] to the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] to the
[illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] on the [illegible]
the [illegible] for the [illegible]
of the [illegible] which were
brought in [illegible] from
the [illegible].
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] by
[illegible] [illegible] by [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] feet [illegible] [illegible] from
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

To the north of this
[illegible]
[illegible] Quebrada
in which both [illegible]
[illegible] & land are [illegible]
the [illegible].

May 29th [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] a [illegible] about
fifty miles North of
the [illegible] which we
found [illegible]
water. The [illegible]
a [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible]
[illegible] impossible. From
the commencement of affairs
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
There [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Being [illegible]
the [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
The [illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] Started at 7. P.M.

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

sent & accompanied me a
few miles. He leaves for
Geneva and from there to the
United States in a few days
[illegible] letters
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] of the
[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

formation [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] sandstone on the

[illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] a [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] the west from

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] of blocks [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

from [illegible] [illegible]

a magne [illegible]

The [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] [illegible]

which was the cabelot

[illegible]

N 75 E

of them are busy making Stalin hats.

2d Started soon after sunrise passed over the worst road I have been over in this Country. consisting of steep mountains, stony, muddy, and crossing 9 mountain streams roaring furiously. passed through two Indian Towns I did not get the name of the first the last was Loutirique one and a half leagues N 75° E of Caridad. at which place we arrived about 1½ P.M. my servant and horse being tired determined remaining for the night. procured a few eggs & tortillas. Some stone [illegible] kind much of it of [illegible]

stately variety. This town
is one of the head quarters
of the troops and this afternoon
I had a view of them drilling
a bright looking, ragged (set)
set of [illegible] men with, and without
clothes, [illegible] having [illegible]
had not [illegible] for [illegible]
marching with the skill
of the[illegible]. Poor fellows many
of them have been caught
like wild cattle and forced
to leave their work nothing
excepting the clothing that
they had on their backs at the
time. Amongst them is a
Jamaica negro who talks
a sort of English. He came

to me and had a little
talk which afforded me much
amusement. he said that
this was a poor country and wanted
to go back to Bel[illegible] there they
had plenty to eat. wanted
me to go to [illegible] that he
said was a fine country and
plenty of buffalo & such
[illegible] there and every thing
that is good. [illegible] [illegible]
much about the way they
had taught him
3d left town after dinner
the sun was obscured some
time. the first portion of
the road was hilly with
plenty of stone [illegible]

the latter portion hard
and muddy. My horses
feet are very tender the
road of yesterday having
used them up. Crossed
several streams the water
in all of which was quite
deep. On the mountain saw
much Copaltine growing
got a specimen of the bark
Sand stone formation.
Arrived at Aramecina
about eleven o'clock. I
there found Senora Nicholas
the mother of Chepita
from whom we stopped
over Sunday in Comayagua
she was waiting here for

the arrival of her goods from Nacouri. She has a house and invited us to come there after getting something to eat she went with me across the river to hunt Jules Crosse to whom the Spain gave me a letter he having spoke to him when he passed here about the mines. found him not at home so we returned saw one mine which was about one and a half miles south by west of the town. This has been worked by a man by

the name of Dos [illegible] mine he they have abandoned it owing to the scarcity of coal. It is situated on a plain and has been worked but a few years as near as I could understand them. It being now filled with water the vein is about two feet wide and is quartz.
Don Julio called to see me this evening he looks much better. I promised to go with him early in the morning to visit the mines.

4th It rained much during the night and the roof of our house leaked considerably started early with [illegible] and visited the mines. They are situated in a mountain about three miles N 80° West ~~N 80° East~~ of the town of Aramacing. This mountain is small and isolated and situated east one & a half miles of a small place called Marcqualse. The rock of this mountain is Quartz ~~rock~~ and contains numerous parallel veins running north 50° west of silver combined with the oxides and sulphates of lead copper with some galena from the

numerous mouths and their
general appearance they
show that many years have
passed since they were
worked, in all probability
the old Spaniards worked
them making use of
Indians. Obtained a few
specimens of the ore. The
vein dips to the northward
about 85° Don Julio showed
me a small lump of silver
which he said that he
had procured from the 1bbf
~~ttt~~ ore it was about half
an inch in diameter. The road
being bad I visited the
mine on foot and returned

to his house about Eleven
O'clock my clothes were perfect-
ly saturated with perspiration
he then had some [illegible]
and Tortillas ~~[illegible]~~ for me to
eat after which I left
him A'Dios. About here
there is a good country
for cultivation a fine
valley near the [illegible]
which has a good [illegible]
of water. Timber plenty
on the mountains such
as Pine & Oak, the distance to
the Town being [illegible]
Tired I determined to remain
until to morrow went to
the river took a fine bath & changed
my clothes

5th. The rain this morning
delayed me until after
8 a.m. Found the road
to Zinapecuaro [illegible] bad
although not [illegible]
and [illegible] above [illegible]
and [illegible] the stone
for the most part
[illegible] on
I approached Zinapecuaro
the stone was altered
by volcanic action
Zinapecuaro is a miserable
little town looking as
if it was about to give
up the ghost. The situation
however is quite pretty
and the soil of the

surrounding country for
about. Soon after leaving
the town we were forced
to go half way across the
river where the water
was up to the middle of
the belly of the horse this
had to be done to avoid
crossing a small river
met two natives they had
packed on the back of a
mule on a litter a dead
body which they were
taking to the town
for interment. after
going two miles we
crossed the river in
a canoe my horse

was forced to [illegible]
the load on the [illegible]
bank was bad [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
the [illegible] is very
rapid having considerable
fall in about three miles
arrived at the [illegible]
from here our
course was nearly [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
about 4 P.M. [illegible] at
where we [illegible]
lodging for the night
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
of [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] think that the

population must be about 50. The houses are poorer than even two rooms one [illegible] [illegible] which was the kitchen in the other room there were two little lounges [?] and two beds in one of which was a man who died a few days before. Alongside a pile of pack saddles, chunks of jerked beef and strings [?] of [illegible], dogs, pigs, chickens, ducks, [illegible] & [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]. This town is situated on a [illegible] in a valley on a creek [illegible]

the same manner and
manner about [illegible]
They [illegible] [illegible]
much better. My person
[illegible] been regular an
been asked to go with
the old woman to see
her what she said was
very ill with a pain
in her left side. by
arrival at the head [illegible]
lamentations and [illegible] groups
of numerous women, forcing
myself through the crowd
I found a woman on a little
bed in articulo mortis. I bowed
my head and retired. The
woman was holding a [illegible]

— then the crucifix and some side of her was some kind of a little show box & expect containing a saint or something of the kind on my return to the house several come to me to demand "remedios" one was a blind man saying my horse is suffering —— from his feet and comes to get letter for his feet. procured coniferous 5th started early and — the road tolerable —— having been no rain — during the night — passed through — picked

and about 12 M. Came
in sight of La Union at
which place we arrived
at about 4 P. M. Du[?]bedo
Landing and being here
I went to the House of
General Joseph Carcuiro[?]
they made many enquiries
after my Companions.
Changed my clothes and took
a wash after which I felt
quite comfortable. The bag
[?] looked for mail which
we all thought was lost
was handed me by the
General among them I
found six letters from
my friends two from

brother a paper from
Matilda announcing the
death of her father.
a large packet of papers
from Mr Squire. I find
myself in rather an
awkward position not
being able to express myself
in Spanish, and I am now
talking a mongrel language
of Spanish, French & English

6 Spent most of the
day looking after the papers
wrote to Livingston
picked up considerable
[illegible] and read the President's
inaugural address.

7th Rose at 3 A.M. and at about 6 1/2 A.M. started in a Canoe for the Island of Jigue. On the way picked up a launch afloat containing its owner and half filled with water. On my arrival at Aimapaula and finding Don Carlos Desdama I presented my letter to him. Dr. Miss Ferrica D. speaks English having been educated in the U. States. He is a [illegible] Mocomic. I remained there during the night.

8th Saw Mr D-partura a German by the name of Muller from [illegible] [illegible]

830. on the account of Mr. Squier
returned to a Pension in
city for dinner.
[illegible] tried to
procure a man to accompany
San Dago to Comayagua.
Last night I was at a Ball
given by the Captain of a
Schooner which is to sail
to day. the Capt. is a negro.
It was attended by all the
ladies and gentlemen of the
town and by the time the
ball was concluded many
of them were in a state
of expansion this was about
2 or 3 A.M.

10th Still unsuccessfull in procuring a man and have concluded to despatch the Jorge early in the morning.

11th Jorge left this morning. I wrote to Tom, Dr Nevill and our friends.

12th Mr Acres was this evening thrown from his horse and considerably bruised. There is a report in circulation that Jorge has been seen with a thief of this town and that they were displaying clothing &c.

13th Wrote to Mr Spencer by way of San Miguel, and informed him of ...

14th Wrote to Mr Tyner by
way of Nacomne. Received two
from Mr Dardano. I started
for Amapanta at night
place I arrived about ten a
and Mr D. glad to see me
family all well. Mr M. sick
15th Passed a restless
night and woke this morning
with a headache and sick
stomach I was not able
to keep up long and was
forced to retire had fever
16th Still continue unwell
and am forced to keep my
bed fever continues to th
the mouth of Colleyquilla which
has approached [illegible]

17th [illegible] to try & [illegible]
but not [illegible]. Weak & nervous
18th Confined to my bed
[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] [illegible].
19th Was enabled to dress
& walk about a little and
eat some
20th Took a ride over to the
[illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible]
with [illegible]. and enjoyed much
[illegible]. This [illegible] is
[illegible] a little [illegible].
the [illegible] is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]
and fresh [illegible] & [illegible] in
abundance. This evening
[illegible] the [illegible] from the
mill [illegible] [illegible] by

Messrs Hoyt & Ames. Mr Gaberetti of Guatemalla has just arrived from the states. He is the Secretary of the New Ocean Steam Ship company on this Coast. Mr G sent & and procured a supply of Oysters.

23rd Left Amapala about 10 A.M. and arrived in La Union about two hours. found a letter here from the [illegible] dated April 10th

24th This was a feast day & the the day was passed in [illegible] Horse racing, Cock fighting Betting Dancing &c &c. I passed the day with a number of the families of this

place who united and had a pick nick, instead however of going out of town they had it at the house of Mr Dardon, our first meal was about 11 A.M. much eating and drinking after this Dancing & speaking which was kept up until 5 P.M. when we had supper the dancing continued until 11 P.M. at which hour it rained considerably and many of the folks were ducked on their way home

25th But few of the people have got over the frolic of yesterday and to night there is a baile

26th I attended the dance last night as is usual on these occasions all hands get merry I got rid of mine in various ways as I was determined not to drink, left about 12 a m when it raining at the time quite a number retired to the house of Mr Caceres where the drinking and dancing was kept up. then it ended up by a supper all hands except myself tight, numerous political

speeches and toasts
breaking up at 5 A.M.
~~and~~ back from of the person
that was frolicking last
night and [illegible] in
the morning, I took a
bath and I in the harbor
the frolick is and yet
[illegible] might [illegible]
was a probable [illegible]
of the [illegible]. I retired
[illegible] P.M. ~~and of~~
27th I was awoke this
morning at 2 O'clock by
the firing of cannon
looked out and found
that they were the ports
that salute at [illegible] in the

early part of the evening the Comandante being in a high humor ordered the drums to be beat and the cannon to be fired. they fired about 20 rounds.

27th Made preparations to get on the boat tomorrow

28th After working hard from early in the morning I was not able to get on board until after eight o'clock this morning. the first point [illegible] went [illegible] the San Diego [illegible] was good. The [illegible] is [illegible] the country from here to San Diego an Indian Town

it was hilly and rocky
this town [illegible] from
the [illegible] [illegible] that
[illegible] [illegible] about 500
[illegible] here my [illegible]
lost the road [illegible]
that he was going the
the wrong direction and
him anywhere when we
found that we were on
the road to the night
employed a man to
show us the other road
when we arrived at
which we put up for
the night. in a new
mud house which was
very neat [illegible] [illegible]

... treated us kindly.

29th Started about 6 A.M. a man giving the direct[illegible] the direction sent a boy to put us in the road but my servant [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have you [illegible] the [illegible] making [illegible] of about 10 to 15 miles passing over a stony and marshy [illegible] arrived at Don Leon's Lozano about 2 P.M. He and his ~~wife~~ mistress are ~~white~~ brunets, with a large family of [illegible]dian children living in a hut surrounded with ~~numerous~~ several others and the works for silver.

It is situated among the mountains about N 35° West of the town of Conchagua by the road the distance is 50 miles. First started this morning for the mines of Mr Dardano which are situated about 8 miles E. S. E. from here in a valley at the foot of ~~high~~ the Cordilleras. The first mine visited was called the mine of Carao the vein is quartz and contains the sulphuret of silver with some of the oxide of iron. The vein has a dip to the west of 45° and runs N 40° W is from 23 to 26 yards deep filled with water. The

but one that has been got
out is quite rich.
Situated a short distance
below this is the mine of
Crucero is 13 yards deep and
is situated under the creek
this creek is dry in [illegible]
of the year, the mine is
now filled with water
ore very rich, has not
been worked for two years
a short distance below
this is the mine of Buena[illegible]
running [illegible] called [illegible]
[illegible] out of the bank
of lime. The vein is [illegible]
in a conglomerate [illegible]
in width. dips at an angle

of 45° west and runs
N 40° west, contains a
depth [illegible] of [illegible] is
very rich. the ordinary
ore yielding 12 marcs
to the [illegible]. The best
there is the [illegible]. also
contains gold. is 18 yds
deep and is now filled
with water. ~~Here~~ it
would be necessary
for a pump of three inches
in diameter. [illegible] Two thousand
yards below this is the
mine of Tuno nuevo situated
in the valley of the same
creek on the east side.
It is proposed [illegible] the

(working both ways.

[illegible] west side ^damming the river some distance above our here erecting the machinery for pumping the mine, and working of the ores. This vein ~~[illegible]~~ is 15 yards deep.

The proposed site for the machinery is good. From this point we passed north to the New Mine of Tempisque situated on the East side of the Creek about 300 ft high. The vein is of a decomposed quartz running N 65° W. and dips 45°, upwards of 6 ft in breadth the casting [illegible] either of the vein [illegible]

gold ½ oz to the [illegible] silver about [illegible] marcs to the [illegible]
From [illegible] is 1800 yds from Tuno 500 yds. This promises to be one of the richest mines here. This mine bid fair to be very rich, being new it is impossible to say what it will yield. Dr. Leon has a very favorable opinion of this mine.

[illegible] Mayor situated on East side of [illegible] 1000 yds below Tuno [illegible] Paradero, about 200 ft high, vein of Dec Quartz from [illegible] to 4 ft in breadth the [illegible] portion of this vein contains from 2 to 3 oz of Gold to the montone. The sulphuret of silver contained in the matrix of quartz contains

from ~~4~~ 6 to 18 ounces of silver ~~to~~ the mountain. There are here three parallel veins in this mine.

July 2d Started early in the morning for the town of [illegible]. The road the most of the way is good and with little work can be made a good for Carts. a part of it is already used for this purpose. The rock in this portion of the country

appear to be primary
altered by volcanic action
although this range of
the Cordilleras is not
volcanic. Passed numerous
large boulders along
the road. The first
mine is that of La Paz
situated on the east
side of the Rio Borugu
about 3 miles below the
mine of [illegible]. This
mine also belongs to Mr
Davidson & Mullen has been
recently worked and
much of the ore is now
ready for exportation
This vein is of Quartz

of a yard wide running N 40° W and dip West.

Tabasco These mines belong to Don Victoriano Castaliano, they were formerly worked by an Englishman by the name of Bennet at an old mine. here are the remains of an old steam engine portions of which are now to be found in all parts of the

Country. This engine was
about 5 horse power.
The next mine is that
of Rosaleo situated about
two miles below La Paz.
this is the rich mine of
Tibanca it is situated on
the west side of the River
somewhere about 6 yards
above the creek (this is the
present mouth) The vein
is of quartz easily worked
one yard in width running
N 45° West and dips about 80° West
is 35 yds deep contains much
water. The silver is combined
with much sulphur copper & blende

There are three Parallel Veins
running South 60° East from
to the mine of Portillos & Tepanes
a distance of 3 leagues. These veins
vary in the quality. The Payo and
Bramadero are considered the richest.
The town contains about
(Indians)
250 inhabitants and is about
right along the water.
The works at this place
are much worn. They
consist of an excellent
dam and water course
two mills for grinding
one of which is worn out
and the other in a whole-
-ly condition two long
vats for collecting the ore

after being ground. two
patios, six for working
furnaces, one drying shed
one place for washing
ores. has every appearance
of a place about
to be abandoned. Wood
here is worth when
dry 18¾ cts per load.

After passing the mine
of La Paz one mile
we were overtaken by
the rain and were forced
to remain for the night
at the house of the
Mayor Domo of the mine
however got plenty of

corn fodder for our animals
Ven corn Tortillas with
cheese for ourselves. I
slept in a hide hammock
was devoured by fleas. July
3rd this morning before
day the man and wife
commenced their [illegible]
Started soon after day
for the house of Don [illegible]
Before starting we took a dram
of aguardiente to fortify our
stomachs. It was long [illegible] and
we jogged along the road. The
mule I bought the day before
yesterday does very well.
Arrived in time for coffee
[illegible]